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IOS Meeting and Show Dates*

August 18, 2007 – Oak Hill Gardens Picnic – Saturday, 11:30am. Speaker: **Herman Pigors** – Topic: Orchid Related Changes in Our Area. For directions, visit www.oakhillgardens.com or call (847) 428-8500 for directions. Find map at bottom of newsletter.

September 9, 2007 – Chicago Botanic Garden Workshop: **Lois Cinert** – Plant registration just in time for the show.

Speaker: **Cathy Bloome** on Native Orchids and Conservation

October 13-14, 2007 – Chicago Botanic Garden **IOS Fall Mini Show**

Orchid Events

September 21-23, 2007 – 15th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival

<http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>

November 16-18, 2007 - Mid-America Orchid Congress, Kansas City, Kansas -

<http://midamericanorchids.org/>

January 23-27, 2008 - 19th World Orchid Conference.

Miami Florida - <http://www.19woc.com/>

* Unless noted otherwise, member's meetings held at the Chicago Botanic Garden will begin at 11:30am in Bernstein Hall for the Mentor's Meeting, plant judging, and plant sales. We move to the Auditorium at approximately 12:30pm for our Workshop, business meeting, and speaker.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is located one traffic light East of Route 41 (Edens Expy) on Lake Cook Road, in Glencoe, Illinois.

President's Message

Barry Lubin – IOS President

Here we are in August already and the summer is just flying by. I hope your plants (and you) are weathering the heat and enjoying the sunshine. August also brings one of my favorite meetings of the year – our picnic at Oak Hill Gardens. Sue tells you all the details in her column (page 2). Remember, this meeting is on **SATURDAY**, August 18.

August is time to start thinking about the other major orchid events coming in the next couple of months. The 15th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival (<http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>) is just around the corner on September 21 –23. In addition to being a major shopfest, the Festival is also an opportunity for the IOS to recruit new members. See Felicia's column (page 2) for information about our recruiting activities, and please make time in your schedule to help for an hour or two during the Festival days. We will be working on arranging a carpool / death march to the participating vendors for members who need transportation or just want to share the Festival experience with their fellow orchid lovers. If you are interested in joining in on a carpool, drop me a line (brlubin@sbcglobal.net , 847-432-6005).

Sandy Fuller and her team are actively working on the arrangements for our fall show, Orchid Aloha, on October 13-14. More details will follow shortly. As Sandy suggests in her column (page 3), it isn't too soon to groom the plants that you think may be bloom for the show or that you want to sell at the members sale table.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

-Barry



Bifreniella Aurora

Program Notes

Sue Golan, Contributing Editor

It's summer and it's picnic time at Oak Hill Gardens on Saturday, August 18th. This is one of our rare Saturday meetings so mark it down because it's always a treat. The setting is lovely and the Pigor family, even the boys, make you feel at home.

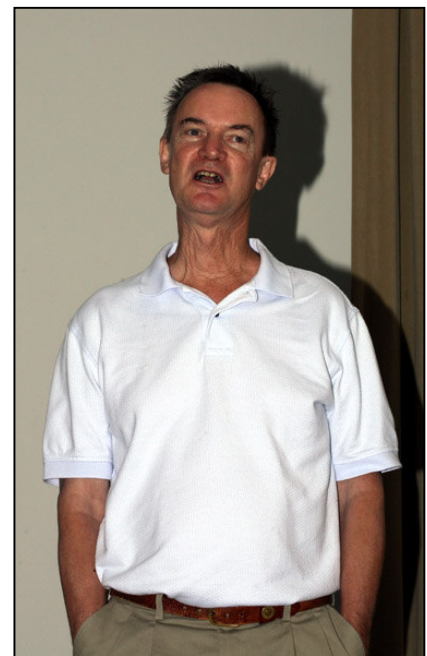
This year Hermann will discuss the changes which have taken place in the area, including the IOS, growers, plants and techniques. He has also invited you to bring problem plants and orchid questions for answers or suggestions, so pack a lunch or nibble on the snacks and desserts and drinks that the family provides.

Did you learn some photography smarts from Greg Allikas at the last meeting? A few of you were lucky enough to buy his book. He only brought a few but he also had gorgeous photos for sale. Of orchids, of course!

Barry Lubin bought out Home Depot, Lowes and Ace Hardware and showed us how to improve our growing areas. There were many clever tips (we all took notes) in his thorough talk. - When it was over, we raffled off all the items so there were many winners and everyone went home happy. Leo got duct tape and, as Greg Allikas said, "silence is golden but duct tape is silver!" Words to live by.



Barry's plants are in the gutter



Greg Allikas on orchid photography

Membership Report

Felicia Cochran, Membership Committee

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Illinois Orchid Society:

- Bob Rosenthal Chicago, IL
- J. Allan Meyer Chicago, IL
- Steve Savocchi Lake Zurich, IL

Please be sure to say hello to Bob, Allan and Steve at the picnic on the 18th.

We are planning a membership drive during the Chicagoland Orchid Festival this year, September 21st to the 23rd. We will need volunteers to help meet and greet people, and sign up new members. If you would like to help out with this, please contact me at fbc72@sbcglobal.net or Allison Tribble at allisont@rcn.com.



Oncidium pumilum



Paph Macabre x Kevin's Wine



Haraella odorata

Fall Show News

Sandy Fuller, Vice President, Home Show Chair

If you have not already done so, now is a good time to be dividing up your orchids that have gotten too big. The Fall Show is coming up and one of the ways you can participate is to bring in your excess plants for selling at our members table. It is usually a good time of year for us to sell plants as, if you are like me and put plants outside for the summer, they seem to multiply and then they all don't fit back in the house when I move them back in September.

At the August meeting we will have sign up sheets for those that would like to volunteer some of their time for the Show. We will also have posters and

bookmarks available so please start thinking about some places you could distribute them to.

If you have not volunteered to help at a show before, I strongly urge you to do so. In my experience you do not really feel connected to a group until you get involved.

The Fall show is our member's show, so please think of how you would be willing to help us make this show a success. Thanks in advance for all your help. We can't do it without you.

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Directions to Oak Hill Gardens

**37w550 Binnie Rd
Dundee IL
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Detailed map on next page.

To reach Oak Hill Gardens from Chicago:

- Take the Kennedy Expressway (I-94/90) to the Northwest Tollway (I-90), traveling northwest toward Rockford.
- Exit at Randall Road and go north about 2½ miles to Binnie Road.
- Go west on Binnie Road ½ mile to the Greenhouses, located on the north side of the road.

To reach Oak Hill Gardens from the West,

- Take I-90 East, and exit at Randall Road.
- Go North about 2½ miles to Binnie Road.
- Head west on Binnie Road ½ mile and you are there!

